

***TOWN OF NEWFIELDS BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2007***

The meeting was called to order at 6:41pm. Selectmen present were: Michael Woodworth and Wes Moore. James McIlroy joined the meeting in progress. Others present were: Police Chief Reed, Reuben Hull, and Sue McKinnon.

Chief Reed advised that the DWI and Speed Grants are still ongoing. The Alcohol Compliance Checks will start at the end of this month and run for 6 weeks. This is a cooperative effort with Newmarket and Stratham. A minimum of 2 officers must work together on these compliance checks.

Two applicants have passed the tests to this point to become part-time police officers. Two more checks/tests need to be completed before a hiring decision is made. The department is now down to one part-time police officer as the other part-time officer is unable to work as a result of a vehicle accident (not related to his work for the Town of Newfields).

Between 01/01/06 and today the Police Department has made 362 trips to Old Lee Road above and beyond normal patrolling of town streets. Directed patrols or speed enforcement totaled 115 of the trips. Traffic stops took 10 to 15 minutes each. A total of 665 vehicles passed the cruiser with an average speed of 27.02 mph – the speed limit on Old Lee Road is 25mph. The highest recorded speed was 50 mph and the lowest was 9mph. There were 13 motor vehicles complaints during that time period.

Reuben Hull reviewed the estimates for the railing on the handicap ramp with the Selectmen. The pricing from Quality Welding is lower than the pricing from Knight's. Quality Welding's price includes better prep work, better priming, a better finish on the railings and they are very easy to deal with.

Wes made a motion to accept the proposal from Quality Welding and Metal Fab. in the amount of \$6,275.00 to construct and install the railing on the handicap ramp. Michael seconded the motion and the motion passed with all in favor. Reuben will contact Quality Welding regarding the acceptance of bid and make arrangements to have the work started.

The ground on the parking lot side of the ramp will be built up using the existing fill and stone to bring the ground level up to the required height for ADA Compliance and Building Codes. Reuben has spoken with the Road Agent, Brian Knipstein for assistance with this part of the project. The Selectmen stated that

the end result of this work must be visually pleasing and that perhaps the Newfields Garden Club would be willing to put some plants in that area.

The Rockingham Planning Commission will complete the Hazardous Mitigation Plan at no charge for the Town of Newfields. Reuben and the representative from the Rockingham Planning Commission will meet with Police Chief Reed, Fire Chief Buxton, and Emergency Management Director Tom Conner. A Committee needs to be formed and it will be comprised of the aforementioned people.

Reuben spoke about the application to the Planning Board for a house to be constructed on Dixon Avenue on a non-compliant lot. There was discussion about snow removal and other issues.

Discretionary Easements were discussed again and Sue McKinnon advised that the Selectmen set the term of the easement and the value as per her discussion with the Local Government Center. The Selectmen asked Sue to check with other towns to see what credits they give for Discretionary Easements. Wes stated that he would contact the Local Government Center regarding other questions the Selectmen have on this issue.

The Transportation Advisory Committee asked for permission to meet with the Town Counsel. It is not customary for an advisory committee to meet with Town Counsel without the Selectmen being present. Nancy was asked to contact the members of the Transportation Advisory Committee to meet with the Selectmen at 7:00pm on Tuesday, August 21, 2007.

Correspondence from the Lane Law Offices was reviewed.

The thank you note from Jed Rumford was read.

The Planning Board Legal Notice of the meeting on August 16, 2007 was read.

The Legal Notice from the Town of Raymond with regard to a Public Hearing for a site plan review of a cell tower was reviewed.

Nancy notified the Selectmen that a representative from Primex – Claims Control will meet with her at the Town Office this Friday. Nancy will contact Michael Woodworth if the representative needs to meet with a Selectman.

Wes will contact Bill Davis of the Cable Advisory Committee for the status of the renewal contract negotiations.

Wes will speak with Attorney Tom Closson regarding the Personnel Policy revisions.

James will put together a report on the findings of the Buildings and Facilities Committee.

The need for a Planning Board Member and a Trustee of the Trust Funds will be mentioned at future public meetings until these positions have been filled.

Wes made a motion to accept the minutes of the July 31, 2007 meeting as amended. Michael seconded the motion and the motion passed with all in favor.

Wes made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:34pm. James seconded the motion and the motion passed with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Spencer
Administrative Assistant